AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the amended claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A compound of formula I:

$$A$$
 $T-R^2$

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Ht is pyrrol-3-yl having R³ and QR⁴ substituents;

A-B is N-O or O-N;

R¹ is hydrogen or -NHR;

T is a valence bond;

Q is -C(O) or $-SO_2-$;

each R is independently selected from hydrogen or an optionally substituted aliphatic group having one to six carbons;

R² is an aryl group substituted with up to three R⁸ substituents;

R³ is hydrogen;

R⁴ is -R⁶ or -NHR⁶;

each R^6 is independently selected from -(CH₂)_y R^7 ;

y is 0-6;

each R⁷ is an optionally substituted group independently selected from aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclyl;

each R^8 is independently selected from halogen, -R', or -OR'; wherein each R' is independently selected from hydrogen or an optionally substituted C_{1-12} aliphatic.

2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 having the formula:

II

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 having the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c}
H \\
N \\
Q - R^4
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^3 \\
T - R^2
\end{array}$$

II-A

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 3, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) Q is -CO-;
- (b) R¹ is hydrogen; and
- (c) R⁷ is an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group.

5. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4, wherein:

- (a) Q is -CO-;
- (b) R¹ is hydrogen; and
- (c) R⁷ is an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group.

6. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 having the formula:

$$\bigcap_{R^1}^{N} \underbrace{Ht}_{T-R^2}$$

Ш

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 6 having the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c}
H \\
N \\
Q-R^4
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N \\
T-R^2
\end{array}$$

III-A

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 7, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) Q is -CO-;
- (b) R¹ is hydrogen; and
- (c) R⁷ is an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group.

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 8, wherein:

- (a) Q is -CO-;
- (b) R¹ is hydrogen; and
- (c) \mathbb{R}^7 is an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group.

10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 having the formula:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 10 having the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c}
H \\
N \\
Q - R^4
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N \\
T - R^2
\end{array}$$
HN R

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 12. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein said compound has one or more features selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) Q is -CO-; and
 - (b) R⁷ is an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group.
 - 13. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 12, wherein:
 - (a) Q is -CO-; and
 - (b) R⁷ is an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group.
 - 14-17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the following compounds having formulae II-A and IV-A:

$$\begin{array}{c}
H \\
N \\
Q-R^4
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
II-A
\end{array}$$

Compounds of Formula II-A

No.	$T-R^2$	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-2	2-chlorophenyl	CONHCH₂(Ph)	
IIA-3	2-chlorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-4	4-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-5	3-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-6	3-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-7	2,5-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-8	3,4-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-9	2,3-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-10	2,5-difluorophenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-11	4-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-12	3-fluorophenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-13	3-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-14	2,5-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-15	3,4-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-16	2,3-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-17	2,5-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-18	4-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-19	3-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-20	3-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-21	2,5-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-22	3,4-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-23	2,3-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-24	2,5-difluorophenyl	CONHCH2(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-25	4-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-26	4-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-27	3-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-28	3-methoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-29	2,5-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH2(1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-30	3,4-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-31	2,3-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-32	2,5-difluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-33	4-fluorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-34	4-methoxyphenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-35	3-fluorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-36	3-methoxyphenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-37	2,5-dimethoxyphenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-38	2,3-difluorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-39	2,5-difluorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-40	4-fluorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-41	4-methoxyphenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-42	3-fluorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-43	3-methoxyphenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-44	2,5-dimethoxyphenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-45	2,3-difluorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-46	2,5-difluorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-47	3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH2(pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-48	3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-49	3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-50	3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-51	3-chlorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-52	4-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-53	4-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-54	4-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)	
IIA-55	4-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-56	4-chlorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-57	4-chlorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-58	3,4-dichlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)	
IIA-59	3,4-dichlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)	
IIA-60	3,4-dichlorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)	
IIA-61	3,4-dichlorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)	
IIA-62	2-F-3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH2(pyridin-4-yl)	
IIA-63	2-F-3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-3-yl)	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴		
IIA-64	2-F-3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH2(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)		
IIA-65	2-F-3-chlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)		
IIA-66	2-F-3-chlorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)		
IIA-67	2-F-3-chlorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)		
IIA-68	3-Cl-4-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)		
IIA-69	3-Cl-4-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)		
IIA-70	3-Cl-4-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)		
IIA-71	3-Cl-4-fluorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)		
IIA-72	3-Cl-4-fluorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)		
IIA-73	3-Cl-4-fluorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)		
IIA-74	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-4-yl)		
IIA-75	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)		
IIA-76	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH₂(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)		
IIA-77	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	CONHCH2(1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)		
IIA-78	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)		
IIA-79	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)		
IIA-80	4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)		
IIA-81	4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-3-yl)		
IIA-82	4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl	CONHCH2(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)		
IIA-83	4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl	CONHCH ₂ (1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)		
IIA-84	4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)		
IIA-85	4-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)		
IIA-86	3,5-dichlorophenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-4-yl)		
IIA-87	3,5-dichlorophenyl	CONHCH₂(pyridin-3-yl)		
IIA-88	3,5-dichlorophenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)		
IIA-89	3,5-dichlorophenyl	CONHCH₂(1-Et-pyrrolidin-2-yl)		
IIA-90	3,5-dichlorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)		
IIA-91	3,5-dichlorophenyl	CO(4-Me-piperazin-1-yl)		
IIA-93	3-chlorophenyl	CO(morpholin-4-yl)		
IIA-106	phenyl	Ş ^N NN F		

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-107	phenyl	2 ^N NNN	
IIA-108	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	Z N N F	
IIA-109	3-chlorophenyl	ş ^Î N N	
IIA-110	3-chlorophenyl	² [⊥] N	
IIA-111	3-methylphenyl	2 N	
IIA-114	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	2 ^N NNN	
IIA-115	3-chlorophenyl	Ş ^N N CH₃	
IIA-116	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	² ^N N	
IIA-117	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	Z√N OH	
IIA-119	3-methylphenyl	₹ ^N NOH	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-120	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	2	
IIA-121	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	2 N N N OMe	
IIA-122	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	2 N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	
IIA-123	3-chlorophenyl		
IIA-124	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	2√N OH	
IIA-125	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	2 ^N N → OH	
IIA-126	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	2 N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	
IIA-130	phenyl	Z N N N	
IIA-131	phenyl	Ş ^N , NH	
IIA-132	phenyl	3 ¹ N	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-133	phenyl	3 ¹ N	
IIA-134	phenyl	Ž V V	
IIA-135	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	Z N N	
IIA-136	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	2, L	
IIA-137	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	3 N N N	
IIA-138	3-methylphenyl	², [⊥] ,	
IIA-139	3-methylphenyl		
IIA-140	3-methylphenyl	şÅ _N ⇒	
IIA-141	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	şů _N	
IIA-142	3-chlorophenyl	ŞÅ _N → N	
HA-143	3-chlorophenyl	N N F	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴		
IIA-144	3-chlorophenyl	2, ¹ N		
IIA-145	3-chlorophenyl	Ž ^N N → C		
IIA-146	3-chlorophenyl			
IIA-148	phenyl	Ş Û N N N OME		
IIA-150	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	Z ^N N C		
IIA-151	3-methylphenyl			
IIA-152	3-methylphenyl	Ş N CH₃		
IIA-153	phenyl	2 OH		
IIA-154	phenyl	y H _N CH ₃		
IIA-155	phenyl	şÅ _N		

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-156	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	₹ N N N OMe	
IIA-157	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	2√ N CH3	
IIA-159	3-methylphenyl	2, NOH	
IIA-160	3-chlorophenyl	2 NOH	
IIA-161	phenyl	Z N OH	
IIA-162	3-chlorophenyl	OH OH	
IIA-163	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	γ CH3	
IIA-164	3-chlorophenyl	ZHN CH3	
IIA-165	phenyl	2 N → OH	
IIA-167	phenyl	2 N CH₃	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴		
IIA-168	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	2 N OH		
IIA-169	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl			
IIA-170	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl	Z N N F		
IIA-171	3-methylphenyl	NO NO HO		
IIA-172	3-methylphenyl	Ş N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N		
IIA-173	3-methylphenyl	² √N N OH		
HA -174	3-methylphenyl	3 N N		
IIA-175	3-methylphenyl	Ž ^N N C		
IIA-176	3-methylphenyl	Ş ^N N CH₃		
IIA-177	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl	Z-N CH ₃		

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴	
IIA-179	2-fluoro_[[,]]3-chlorophenyl	³ √N CH³	
IIA-180	2-fluoro <u>-</u> [[,]]3-chlorophenyl	پاُ ہ	
IIA-182	3-chlorophenyl	2 NOH	
IIA-183	3-chlorophenyl	Ž ^I N N N OMe	
IIA-184	3-chlorophenyl	Ş N N N N OH	
IIA-187	3-methylphenyl	2, NOH	
IIA-190	2-fluoro-3-chlorophenyl		
IIA-191	phenyl	Sylv OH	
IIA-192	3,4-dimethoxyphenyl		
IIA-193	3-methylphenyl	Ş. N OH	

No.	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴
IIA-194	phenyl	

IV-A

Compounds of Formula IV-A

No.	R	T-R ²	Q-R ⁴
IVA-4	Н	phenyl	CO(pyrrolidin-1-yl)
IVA-5	Me	phenyl	CONHCH ₂ (Ph)
IVA-16	Me	3-Cl-phenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyridin-4-yl)
IVA-17	Н	5-Cl-phenyl	Z, L, OH
IVA-18	Н	5-F-phenyl	CONHCH ₂ (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)
IVA-19	Me	5,6-F ₂ -phenyl	CO(4-Me-piperidin-1-yl)
IVA-20	Н	4-Cl-phenyl	CONHCH ₂ (pyrid-4-yl)
IVA-21	Н	4,5-(OMe) ₂ -phenyl	D H N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N
IVA-22	Me	4,5-Cl₂-phenyl	PN CH3 OH3C CH3 CH3 CH3

- 19. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 20. (Original) The composition according to claim 19 wherein said compound is formulated in a pharmaceutically acceptable manner for administration to a patient.

- 21. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 19 further comprising an additional therapeutic agent selected from a chemotherapeutic agent, an anti-inflammatory agent, an immunomodulatory or immunosuppressive agent, a neurotrophic factor, and agent for treating liver disease, an agent for treating a blood disorder, an agent for treating diabetes, or an agent for treating an immunodeficiency disorder.
- 22. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 20 further comprising an additional therapeutic agent selected from a chemotherapeutic agent, an anti-inflammatory agent, an immunomodulatory or immunosuppressive agent, a neurotrophic factor, and agent for treating liver disease, an agent for treating a blood disorder, an agent for treating diabetes, or an agent for treating an immunodeficiency disorder.
- 23. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting ERK or AKT activity in a biological sample selected from cell cultures or extracts thereof, biopsied material obtained from a mammal or extracts thereof, saliva, urine, feces, semen, tears, or extracts thereof, comprising the step of contacting said biological sample <u>in vitro</u> with a compound according to claim 1 or a composition according to claim 19.

24-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A method for treating a disease in a patient comprising the step of administering to said patient a composition according to claim 19, wherein said disease is selected from cancer, wherein said cancer is breast cancer, colon cancer, kidney carcinoma, lung cancer, melanoma, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, or prostate cancer; stroke, diabetes, hepatomegaly, a cardiovascular disease selected from stroke, restenosis, cardiomegaly, artherosclerosis, myocardial infarction, or congestive heart failure; Alzheimer's disease, eystic fibrosis, viral disease, autoimmune diseases, atherosclerosis, restenosis, psoriasis, allergic disorders, inflammation, asthma; or neurological disorders Alzheimer's Disease, a hormone related disease, conditions associated with organ transplantation, immunodeficiency disorders, destructive bone disorders, proliferative disorders, infectious diseases, conditions associated with cell death, thrombin induced

platelet aggregation, chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), liver disease, or pathologic immune conditions involving T cell activation.

28. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 27 wherein <u>said</u> [[the]] disease is a cancer <u>selected from breast cancer</u>, <u>colon cancer</u>, <u>kidney carcinoma</u>, <u>lung cancer</u>, <u>melanoma</u>, <u>ovarian cancer</u>, <u>pancreatic cancer</u>, <u>or prostate cancer</u>.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) The method according to either of claim[[s]] 28 or 29 comprising the additional step of administering to said patient a chemotherapeutic agent.

31-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 27 wherein <u>said</u> [[the]] disease is a neurological disorder Alzheimer's Disease.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 27 wherein the disease is a cardiovascular disease <u>selected from stroke</u>, <u>restenosis</u>, <u>cardiomegaly</u>, <u>artherosclerosis</u>, <u>myocardial infarction</u>, <u>or congestive heart failure</u>.

36. (Canceled)

- 37. (Currently amended) The method according to either of claims 35 or 36 comprising the additional step of administering to said patient a therapeutic agent for treating cardiovascular disease.
- 38. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 27 wherein <u>said</u> [[the]] disease is <u>asthma</u> an inflammatory disease.

39-43. (Canceled)